

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:
 - a base;
 - an upright assembly mounted to said base to project upwardly therefrom;
 - said upright assembly including an upper member having a portion telescoped into a vertical lower member also included in said upright assembly to be rotatable therein, said upper member having a horizontal segment extending laterally from a vertical segment telescoped into said lower member of said upright assembly;
 - a pivot fitting including a swivel element defining a vertical axis attached to a free end of said horizontal segment of said upper member;
 - a swing arm having a pivot fitting affixed at one end including a swivel joint element fixed to one end mated to said swivel element of said pivot fitting of said horizontal segment of said upper member so as to orient said swing arm substantially horizontally and allow create a pivot connection allowing horizontal swinging motion thereof about said vertical axis defined by said swivel element to create an articulation of said swing arm and horizontal segment in which the swing arm and horizontal segment are able to relatively move to be folded together and apart by said swinging motion of said swing arm;
 - said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;
 - a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; ~~and,~~

said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

a frictional pivot connection between said book support and said opposite end of said swing arm allowing rotation of said book support on said swing arm only in the plane of said book support and about an axis transverse to said longitudinal axis of said swing arm to enable reorienting of said book support about an axis normal to the book support.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The book holder assembly according to claim 2 1 wherein said frictional pivot connection includes an adjustable friction engagement allowing positioning of a variable frictional force holding said book support in any rotated position thereof about said frictional pivot connection.

4. (Previously Presented) The book holder assembly according to claim 3 wherein said adjustable friction engagement includes a disc fixedly attached to said swing arm opposite end and flat against a surface of said book support, and a headed pin passed through said disc and a plate member included in said book support and a spring forcing said disc and plate together.

5. (Previously Presented) The book holder assembly according to claim 4 further including a friction disc interposed between said plate and said disc caused to frictionally engage both said plate and said disc by said spring.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The book holder assembly according to claim 1 wherein~~
An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:

a base;

an upright assembly mounted to said base to project upwardly therefrom;

said upright assembly including an upper member having a portion telescoped into a vertical lower member also included in said upright assembly to be rotatable therein, said upper member having a horizontal segment extending laterally from a vertical segment telescoped into said lower member of said upright assembly;

a pivot fitting including a swivel element defining a vertical axis attached to a free end of said horizontal segment of said upper member;

a swing arm having a pivot fitting affixed at one end including a swivel joint element fixed to one end mated to said swivel element of said pivot fitting of said horizontal segment of said upper member so as to orient said swing arm substantially horizontally and allow create a pivot connection allowing horizontal swinging motion thereof about said vertical axis defined by said swivel element to create an articulation of said swing arm and horizontal segment in which the swing arm and horizontal segment are able to relatively move to be folded together and apart by said swinging motion of said swing arm;

said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;

a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; and,
said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

said base ~~comprises~~ comprising a cast iron platform member, and a molded plastic cover received thereover.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The book holder assembly according to claim 1 wherein~~
An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:

a base;

an upright assembly mounted to said base to project upwardly therefrom;

said upright assembly including an upper member having a portion telescoped into a vertical lower member also included in said upright assembly to be rotatable therein, said upper member having a horizontal segment extending laterally from a vertical segment telescoped into said lower member of said upright assembly;

a pivot fitting including a swivel element defining a vertical axis attached to a free end of said horizontal segment of said upper member;

a swing arm having a pivot fitting affixed at one end including a swivel joint element fixed to one end mated to said swivel element of said pivot fitting of said horizontal

segment of said upper member so as to orient said swing arm substantially horizontally and allow create a pivot connection allowing horizontal swinging motion thereof about said vertical axis defined by said swivel element to create an articulation of said swing arm and horizontal segment in which the swing arm and horizontal segment are able to relatively move to be folded together and apart by said swinging motion of said swing arm;

said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;

a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; and, said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

said upper member is rotatable in said lower member.

8. (Previously Presented) The book holder assembly according to claim 6 wherein said platform member has a series of radial ribs formed therein converging to a central bore.

9. (Previously Presented) The book holder assembly according to claim 7 further including a clamp comprising a pair of half moon pieces selectively engaged with said upright assembly upper and lower members, said clamp having two threaded knobs having a threaded stem engaging a respective side of said two half moon pieces to secure rotative and telescoped position of said upper member relative to said lower member by tightening said knobs.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A book holder assembly according to claim 1 wherein~~

An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:

a base;

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said upright assembly including an upper member having a portion telescoped into a vertical lower member also included in said upright assembly to be rotatable therein, said upper member having a horizontal segment extending laterally from a vertical segment telescoped into said lower member of said upright assembly;

a pivot fitting including a swivel element defining a vertical axis attached to a free end of said horizontal segment of said upper member;

a swing arm having a pivot fitting affixed at one end including a swivel joint element fixed to one end mated to said swivel element of said pivot fitting of said horizontal segment of said upper member so as to orient said swing arm substantially horizontally and allow create a pivot connection allowing horizontal swinging motion thereof about said vertical axis defined by said swivel element to create an articulation of said swing arm and horizontal segment in which the swing arm and horizontal segment are able to relatively move to be folded together and apart by said swinging motion of said swing arm;

said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;

a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; and
said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

said swivel element of said upper member ~~includes~~ including a socket fixed to said one end of said horizontal segment of said upper member, a separate pin comprising a part of said swivel joint element mounted to said one end of said swing arm and rotatably received in said socket and adapted to be freely liftable therefrom during normal use of the book holder assembly without being disconnected.

13. (Previously Presented) A book holder assembly according to claim 12 wherein said swivel joint element further includes a tilt pivot socket affixed to said horizontal segment of said upper member free end rotatably receiving said one end of said swing arm captured therein.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A book holder assembly according to claim 1 wherein~~
An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:

a base;

an upright assembly mounted to said base to project upwardly therefrom;

said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;

a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; and
said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

said swivel element of said upper member ~~includes~~ including a socket fixed to said one end of said horizontal segment of said upper member, a separate pin comprising a part of said swivel joint element mounted to said one end of said swing arm and rotatably received in said ~~swing~~ socket and adapted to be freely liftable therefrom during normal use of the book holder assembly without being disconnected.

13. (Previously Presented) A book holder assembly according to claim 12 wherein said swivel joint element further includes a tilt pivot socket affixed to said horizontal segment of said upper member free end rotatably receiving said one end of said swing arm captured therein.

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An adjustable position book holder assembly comprising:

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said upright assembly including an upper member having a portion telescoped into a vertical lower member also included in said upright assembly to be rotatable therein, said upper member having a horizontal segment extending laterally from a vertical segment telescoped into said lower member of said upright assembly;

a pivot fitting including a swivel element defining a vertical axis attached to a free end of said horizontal segment of said upper member;

a swing arm having a pivot fitting affixed at one end including a swivel joint element fixed to one end mated to said swivel element of said pivot fitting of said horizontal segment of said upper member so as to orient said swing arm substantially horizontally and allow create a pivot connection allowing horizontal swinging motion thereof about said vertical axis defined by said swivel element to create an articulation of said swing arm and horizontal segment in which the swing arm and horizontal segment are able to relatively move to be folded together and apart by said swinging motion of said swing arm;

said pivot fitting connection also allowing rotation of said swing arm one end about a longitudinal axis thereof;

a generally planar book support mounted to an opposite end of said swing arm; and,

said swing arm of a substantial length to space said book holder a substantial distance from said pivot connection to allow a substantial variation in the distance said book support lies from said vertical lower member by folding articulation of said swing arm and said horizontal segment; and

said upper member ~~includes~~ including a reversely curved segment allowing an increased range of telescoping height adjustment of said upper member into said lower member of said upright assembly.